for civil services alongwith the entrance examination for professional courses with intermediate as qualification to appear'

THE PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI VISHWANATH PRATAP SINGH): (a) No Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Use of Pollution Control Equipment by Small scale industries in Delhi

*180. SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR:

SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Minister of State for Environment and Forests is reported to have observed that out of 70, 000 small scale industries operating in Delhi, only about 10,000 use Pollution Control Equipment and that in the next five years about 50 per cent of the new-born babies were likely to be mentally retarded:

(b) if so, whether the Ministry of Industry and the Delhi Administration have been advised not to grant further licences for small scale industries in Delhi without Pollution Control Equipment;

(c) whether any action has been initiated against the industries which are without Pollution Control Equipment: and

(d) if so, the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NILAMANI ROUTRAY): (a) The Minister of State for Environment has cautioned against the likely adverse health impacts if the industries do not take adequate pollution control measures.

(b) Smal Scale Industries are not required to obtain a licence from the Ministry of Industry or the Delhi Administration. However, Small Scale Industries are required to obtain a consent from the Central Pollution Control Board in its capacity as the State Board for Delhi to operate, for waste water discharge under the water (Prevention & Control Pollution) Act, 1974; and for emission of gaseous pollutants under the Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. Legal action under the provisions of the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974. Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act 1981 and environment Protection Act. 1986 has been initiated against the defaulting units. 184 cases have been filed by the Central Pollution Control Board against these units. Decisions have been given by the Court in 118 cases, of these 115 have been in favour of the Board.

Protection of Sandalwood Plantation

@1426. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that sandalwood trees are disappearing rapidly as appeared in the 'Times of India' dated the 26th May, 1990 and if so, the corrective steps taken/proposed to be taken to protect the Sandal Wood plantations; and

(b) whether Government propose to grow sandalwood trees in any other regions of the country?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NILAMANI ROUTRAY): (a) Sandalwood extraction is taking place as per management plans. However, there are reports of smuggling of sandalwood which needs to be checked The following steps have been taken by Central Government to stop smuggling of sandalwood:—

1. Financial assistance provided to State Governments for procurement of arms and equipment as follows:—

(i) Karnataka	Rs. 20.00 lakhs
(ii) Tamil Nadu	Rs. 40 00 lakhs

@Previously Unstarred Question 598 transferred from the 10th August, 1990.